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AGRICULTURE GOT 150,000 TRACTORS IN 1949;
TRACTOR PLANTS ACTIVE

FIGURES TRIPLE THAT OF 1940 -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 72, 9 Apr 50

In 1949, the agricultural economy received 150,000 tractors. Altogether it received three to four times as many tractors, trucks, and agricultural machines in 1949 as in 1940.

CAMPAIGN FOR MULTIPLE RENOVATION OF TOOLS -- Pravda, No 100, 10 Apr 50

The Kharkov Tractor Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze constantly finds new ways to make fuller use of its internal reserves. Workers and engineers vie in their efforts to save metal, materials, and electric power.

The plant employs a great number of tools made of alloyed metals. If the use of such tools were reduced merely one percent, the plant could save 400,000 rubles annually. For this reason, Engineer D. I. Kuznetsov has launched a campaign for multiple renovation of drills, cutters, reamers, screw taps, and other equipment.

In accordance with Kuznetsov's method, all cutting and measuring tools, which as a rule wear out only a fraction of a millimeter, are restored either by reducing their dimensions by grinding under heat, chrome plating, reforging, or butt welding. This system reduces twofold and threefold the need for expensive, special steels for new tools. Drills, broachers, reamers, screw taps, and measuring tools can be renovated two to ten times and more. The introduction of the new method requires no additional equipment and allows for an increased yield of products from the same amount of production area.

The party and trade union have endorsed the new scheme and thousands of workers have joined the movement for multiple renovation of tools. During the past 6 months, the Kharkov Tractor Plant restored 1,800,000 rubles' worth of cutting, measuring, and abrasive equipment, thereby saving dozens of tons of expensive steel.

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Many machine-building plants are adopting the new method. However, despite the annual expenditure of billions of rubles on the manufacture of tools, it is a regrettable fact that in Kharkov itself there are many plants where the movement has thus far failed to develop.

DOUBLES OUTPUT OF SPARE PARTS -- Moskovskaya Pravda, No 38, 4 Apr 50

The Moscow Plant imeni Budenny, which is one of the biggest producers of tractor spare parts, has almost doubled production in comparison with last year.

IMPROVES PRODUCTION TEMPO -- Leningradskaya Pravda, No 79, 2 Apr 50

For the first time in the postwar period, the Leningrad Kirov Plant has achieved a steady, regular flow of production. Gross and commodity output reached the highest figures in the fourth quarter of 1949 and perceptibly increased in the first months of 1950. Moreover, the even rhythm of operations has made it possible to put out a number of new products.

In the past 3 months, the plant produced dozens of skidding tractors above plan. It completed the quarter plan for tractor spare parts ahead of time. It produced four powerful molding machines.

The best results were obtained by the metal-rolling, tractor, iron-casting, and forge and press shops. Many fine inventors and innovators have made their appearance in the plant.

ALTAY PLANT BUSY -- Izvestiya, No 81, 5 Apr 50

There is great activity these days at the Altay Tractor Plant. Stakhanovites, in collaboration with engineers, are learning the conveyer-belt method of assembling, testing, and painting tractors. More than 80 brigades are competing for the title "High-quality Producers." Hundreds of machine tools have been converted to high-speed metal cutting.

RUBTSOVSK IS GROWING TRACTOR CENTER -- Moskovskiy Bol'shevik, No 25, 29 Jan 50

Eight years ago, the Rubtsovsk Tractor Plant went into construction on a deserted tract of land. Today, tens of thousands of Rubtsovsk ATZ tractors are working throughout the country. Within the last 4 years, the Tractor Electrical Equipment Plant has risen nearby. At the opposite end of the town is the Altaysel'mash Plant. Five-section tractor plows and every conceivable type of spare part are sent from Rubtsovsk to many parts of the Soviet Union.

FETE WOMEN'S DAY BY EXCEEDING NORM -- Sovetskaya Moldaviya, No 48, 8 Mar 50

At the Karkov Tractor Plant imeni Ordzhonikidze, about 200 women planers, turners, turret-lathe operators, and foundry hands are celebrating International Women's Day (8 March) by completing the Five-Year Plan ahead of time. More than 500 women have fulfilled the quarter norm in 2 months.

FAILS TO MAKE WORKERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TOOLS -- Izvestiya, No 85, 9 Apr 50

Despite the popularity of the movement to assign machine tools for individual maintenance, as launched by Nina Nazarova, now Stalin-Prize laureate, the Chelyabinsk Tractor Plant is slow to adopt this idea.

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